

**Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee**  
Meeting of February 2, 2010

Members Present: Ellen Williamson, Chair  
Robyn Hunter, Vice-Chair  
Beverly Madden  
Clare Graham, Secretary  
Richard Robinson  
Nate vanDuzer (arrived 7:20)

Also Present: Valerie Spriggs, Superintendent  
Steven Bliss, Assistant Superintendent  
Christine Tague, School Business Manager  
Denise Lonergan and Fred Randall, Headmasters

1) **Call to Order**

Ms. Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) **Approval of Minutes**

a) Regional School Committee – January 12, 2010

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2010. Ms. Hunter seconded. In section 3f change “Raise to the Top” to “Race to the Top”.

10-08 VOTE (as amended): 5 – 0

b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of December 17, 2009 and the Dover School Committee of December 6 and 15, 2009 were noted.

3) **Community Comments - None**

4) **Reports**

a) Student Council Report – Ms. Fattore reviewed recent and upcoming events for the Middle School Student Council. Mr. Rich reviewed recent and upcoming events for the High School Student Council.

b) Business Manager’s Report -

- FY10 Monthly Report – Ms. Tague provided and discussed several reports that were requested at the last meeting.
- FY11 Budget – Ms. Tague went over the preliminary assessment amounts for Dover and Sherborn. There is a lot of information that is still unknown that will affect the budget in the coming weeks. The Administration will keep the Committee abreast of information as it becomes available.

c) Athletic Update –

- Freshman Baseball Team –

Ms. Madden made a motion to accept the gift from Dover Sherborn Youth Baseball to run the freshman baseball team not to exceed \$6,000 and to require the athletes to pay the \$250 athletic fee. Ms. Hunter seconded.

Ms. Graham made a motion to amend the previous motion to read: motion to accept the gift from Dover Sherborn Youth Baseball to run the freshman baseball team in the spring of 2010 not to exceed \$6,000 and to require the athletes to pay the \$250 athletic fee. Ms. Hunter seconded.

10-09 VOTE (on amending motion): 6 – 0

10-10 VOTE (on amended motion): 5 – 0 with 1 abstention

- JV Hockey Team –

Mr. vanDuzer made a motion to accept the gift from the DS Hockey Club in support of the JV Hockey Club for the winter 2009-10 season not to exceed \$3,700 and to require the athletes to pay the \$250 athletic fee. Ms. Hunter seconded.

10-11 VOTE: 5 – 0 with 1 abstention

- Gifts from Boosters – Mr. Rollins outlined the gifts from the Boosters for approval: 1) sailboats – the Boosters agreed to pay \$4,000 towards the purchase of new sailboats for the

Sailing team, 2) Cross Country bridges – material costs for construction of 2 marsh bridges to complete the new cross country trail (team currently runs on the roads), and 3) Irrigation system for Booster Fields – Boosters will pay to run a water line off the irrigation system up to the “new” fields, costing \$7,720.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the gifts as detailed by Mr. Rollins totaling \$14,720. Ms. Hunter seconded.

10-12 VOTE: 6 - 0

- End of Season Report – Mr. Rollins provided detailed information about each of the athletic teams and the costs associated with running them.
- d) Grants Update – Mr. Bliss provided and explained the Grant Management Summary.
- e) Site Map for new Website – The new website will be launched in March.
- f) Middle School Report - Mr. Randall reviewed recent and upcoming events at the Middle School.
- g) High School Report - Ms. Lonergan reviewed recent and upcoming events at the High School.
- h) Superintendent’s Report – Ms. Spriggs reviewed enclosures provided to the Committee including:
  - Strategic Planning Update – The Strategic Plan, Mission, Core Beliefs, Vision and Goals were unanimously approved at the joint school committee meeting last month.
  - Policy Manual Update – Mr. Robinson provided a draft of a possible policy on use of email distribution lists for consideration.
  - Wastewater Treatment Plant – The District has done extensive work to determine the problem is not operational and will now seek an engineer’s design to correct the problem.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to direct the Superintendent to engage in a search and the hiring of an environmental engineer to design plans to fix the current problems with the Waste Water Treatment Plant and meet DEP requirements not to exceed \$20,000. Mr. Graham seconded.

10-13 VOTE: 6 - 0

- CDC Report – The CDC will remain open for the rest of this year based on reduction in employee hours and a reduction in rent. The CDC Director requested a week of registration for next year with the hope that they might be able to generate the numbers to keep the CDC open for another year. A final decision will be made in the next two weeks.
  - Lindquist Commons Storage – The Dover Building Inspector and Fire Marshall have approved the new addition of storage space as proposed by Mr. Ralph Kelly to solve the problems of non-compliance. The cost to complete the work is \$12,481. Ms. Spriggs recommended postponing approval of this work to give additional time to explore a few more options.
- 5) **Special Items**
- a) Fees for Privately Funded Sports – The Committee discussed forming a policy regarding charging athletic fees for privately funded sports. The topic is scheduled to be discussed again in May.
  - b) Communication - The budget presentation is being worked on and will be provided in draft form soon.
  - c) March Agenda Items – FY11 Budget certification, Lindquist Commons storage, budget presentation and communication plan, Waste Water Treatment update, extra-compensatory stipends
- 6) **New Business** – Ms. Madden will not be re-running for School Committee. Ms. Williamson will be running.
- 7) **Routine Business** – Enrollments as of February 1, 2010
- 8) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 9:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Davis